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REMARKS

Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11-13 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102; objected claims 11-18, and indicated claims 19-20 allowable.

Applicants amend claims 8, 11, 13, 16, and cancel claim 12. Claims 2-7, 9-10, 14-15 and 17-18 remain. Support for the amendment to the claims can be found in the drawings of FIGS. 1-9 and in the specification as originally filed. Thus, no new matter is added.

Specification

1. Examiner objected to the disclosure because of the following informalities:

a) On page 2, Para 0004, line 3, "6,466,446" should be changed to --6,466,443--.

Applicants have amended the related paragraph to put it in proper form.

Abstract

2. Applicants are reminded of the proper language and format for the abstract since, in the instant case, the form and legal phraseology "said" used is not proper.

Applicants have amended the abstract to put it in proper form as indicated by Examiner.

Claim Objections

3. Examiner objected to claims 11-18 because of the following informalities:

a) In claim 11, line 4, change "fist position" to --first position--;

b) In claim 16, line 2, "the frame" lacks antecedent base;

Applicants have amended the above claims 11 and 16 to overcome the proposed objections. With regard to claim 16, Applicants have changed "the

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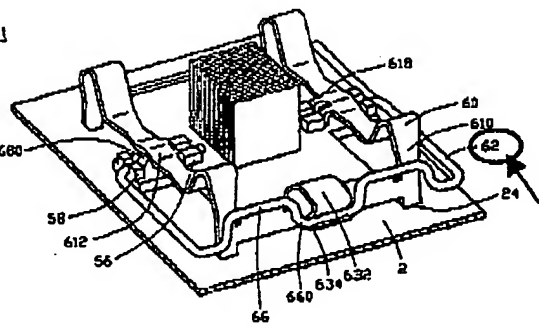
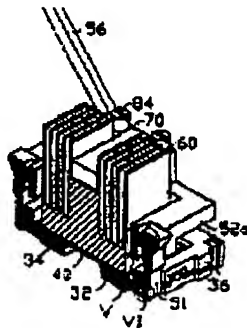
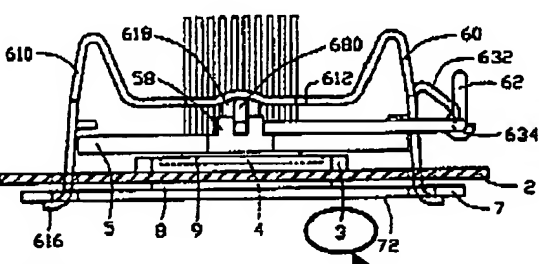
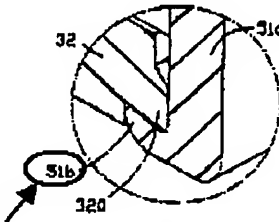
frame" to be "the actuator" as referred by the pending claim 11, so the objection to the claim 16 should be withdrawn.

In addition, Applicants have amended claim 8 by adding "the" before the word "lid" to put it in proper form.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

4. Examiner rejected claims 1 and 5-7 under U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Chu (6,449,157, cited in IDS)

As to claims 1 and 5-7, the independent claim 1 recites, inter alia, that "at least one latch...having a latching portion to hold on the base (Emphasis added)". Chu clearly fails to disclose, teach or suggest this feature.

Chu	the instant application
 <p>(SEE FIG. 6)</p>	 <p>(SEE FIG. 4)</p>
 <p>(SEE FIG. 7)</p>	 <p>(SEE FIG. 6)</p>
<p>the latching portion "634" of the Chu reference is NOT held on the base "3" of the electrical connector, actually engage on the actuator "62" (see the arrow as directed)</p>	<p>latch "51"...having a latching portion "51b" to hold on the base "32" (Emphasis added) CLAIM 1 (see the arrow as directed)</p>

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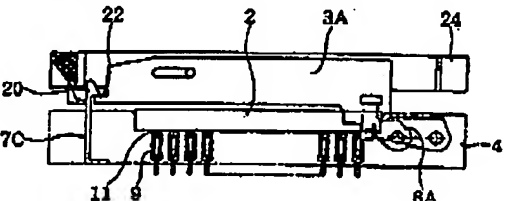
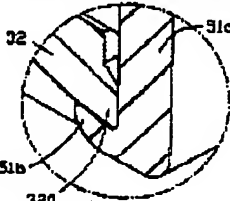
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As shown in FIGS. 6-7 of the Chu reference, the latching portion 634 is NOT held on the base 3 of the electrical connector. Actually, the actuator 62 is rotated to engage the latching portion 634. Chu lacks motivation for such a modification.

Likewise, the remaining references fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of the pending claim 1. Applicants request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw of the rejections of claims 1 and 5-7.

5. Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5-8, 11-13 and 16-18 under U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Matsuoka (5,364,286, cited in IDS)

As to claims 1, 2 and 5-8, the pending claim 1 recites, inter alia, that "at least one latch...having a latching portion to hold on the base (Emphasis added)". Matsuoka clearly fails to disclose, teach or suggest this feature. The latching portion 22 of the Matsuoka reference is held on the lock member 7C provided on the base 4 (see col. 7, ll. 34-35), NOT directly on the base 4. Matsuoka lacks motivation for such a modification.

<i>Matsuoka</i>	<i>the instant application</i>
 <p>(SEE FIG. 12)</p>	 <p>FIG. 6</p> <p>(SEE FIG. 6)</p>
<p>the latching portion "22" of the Matsuoka reference is NOT held on the base "4", actually engages the lock member "7C"</p>	<p>latch "51"...having a latching portion "51b" to hold on the base "32" (Emphasis added)</p> <p>CLAIM 1</p>

Likewise, the remaining references fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of the pending claim 1. Applicants request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw of the rejections of claims 1, 2 and 5-8.

As to claims 11-13 and 16-18, the amended claim 11 now recites, inter alia, that "at least one latch...forming a latching portion adapted to hold on the base

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(Emphasis added) of the electrical connector". Matsuoka clearly fails to disclose, teach or suggest this feature. The latching portion 22 of the Matsuoka reference is held on the lock member 70 provided on the base 4 (see col. 7, ll. 34-35), NOT directly on the base 4. Matsuoka lacks motivation for such a modification.

Likewise, the remaining references fail to disclose or suggest all of the features of the pending claim 11. Applicants request that Examiner reconsider and withdraw of the rejections of claims 11-13 and 16-18.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicants respectfully assert that all the pending claims are patentably distinguishable from the prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now placed in condition for allowance, and that an action to this effect is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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